

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Creation of the Project Authority for Palamuru Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS) – Orders – Issued.

IRRIGATION & C.A.D. (LA.RR/A2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 143

Dated: 01/10/2015

READ:

G.O.Ms.No.105, Irrigation & CAD (Project-I) Department,
Dated: 10.06.2015.

ORDER:

Whereas, in the G.O read above, orders were issued according Administrative Approval to the Palamuru Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS) for an amount of Rs.35,200 Crores (Rupees thirty five thousand and two hundred crores only);

2. And whereas, Irrigation Projects involve not only Engineering Skills (Civil, Mechanical, Electrical etc.,) but also Project Management Skills and Co-ordination with a number of Central/State Government Departments and different agencies. In order to complete Palamuru Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS) in a time bound manner, an Authority is contemplated for this purpose;

3. And whereas, the Palamuru Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation Scheme is a long cherished dream of the people of Mahaboobnagar, Nalgonda and Ranga Reddy Districts of Telangana State. While laying the foundation stone for this project on 11th June 2015, Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed to complete the project in the next 48 months and suggested the Department to come out with a different implementation methodology to ensure completion within the stipulated time-frame;

4. And whereas, successful on-time completion of any major project not only mandates engineering expertise but also an expertise in handling socio-cultural issues through co-ordinated approach to handle displaced /affected families and persons. Project execution invariably demands co-ordination with multiple line departments on a continuous basis. In the absence of a single line administration or control over these line departments it is difficult to complete projects on-time, since delay by any line department seriously hampers the work of other departments in a cascading manner. This leads to time and cost over runs of the project. In such a scenario, it is very difficult to fix responsibility on any agency for the delay in execution of project. This results in lack of accountability since various agencies cite different priorities and get away with delays;

5. And whereas, review of delays in on-going projects, reveal that delay in handing over of land to executing agencies is a major bottleneck in timely completion of projects. Greater flexibility is necessitated in dealing with the issues of project affected families as it is more of a socio-economic challenge and the approach / requirement varies in accordance with those who get displaced / affected due to the project. Scrutiny of reasons cited for delay reveal that in most of the cases, a flexible approach would have helped in avoidance of delay by a more flexible and customized R&R plan. In most of the cases, the monetary requirement to overcome the bottlenecks in land acquisition or R&R issues were too meager / insignificant in comparison to the potential cost over runs due to delay in project completion. However, in the present set up there is very little scope for higher flexibility to project management since there is no unified project management authority to ensure that the project is completed in time.

6. Now therefore, to achieve the above object and to ensure that the project is to be completed within the stipulated time, Government after careful examination of the matter in all aspects, hereby decided to create Project Authority for Palamuru Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS) which shall function on the model of single line administration with units of line departments attached to it as detailed below:

Composition of the Authority:

The Authority shall be headed by an IAS officer of Senior Time scale or above to lead the team that comprises of:

- Engineering Unit (headed by a Chief Engineer)
- Land Unit (Headed by a Special Collector / SDC)
- Finance Unit (headed by Chief Financial Officer)
- Project Monitoring Unit
- Office Administration Cell.

The authority shall be responsible for implementation of the Project in all aspects. The authority shall be given necessary budgetary support and the authority shall ensure timely completion of project.

(I). Engineering unit:

The Authority shall have an Engineering unit headed by a Chief Engineer. This unit shall be responsible for entire project execution from the stage of preparation of Detailed Project Report to that of project completion including subsequent operation and maintenance and for getting clearances for the project from various agencies/ Government departments, liasoning with the executing agencies and other Government departments in work execution etc., This unit will assist the Authority in finalization of tender/ contract or award of work etc.

(II). Land unit :

Procurement/acquisition of land:

There shall be dedicated units of land Procurement / acquisition that work under the superintendence and control of the authority.

- The authority shall be the Appropriate Government in so far as the lands required for the project are concerned. All the roles and responsibilities entrusted under the Right to Fair Compensation & Transparency in Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation & Resettlement (RFCTLARR) Act, 2013 on the Appropriate Government shall be discharged by the authority.
- Authority shall have power to Procure/acquire land through negotiated consent as per the policy of Telangana State (As per G.O 123 Revenue(JA & LA) Department dated:30.07.2015 and Right to Fair Compensation & Transparency in Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation & Resettlement (RFCTLARR) Act, 2013.

(III). Project Management Unit :

A project of this magnitude invariably involves many agencies and co-ordination and monitoring of work progress is an absolute necessity. The authority shall have a Project Management Unit (PMU) working under its supervision and control.

- PMU shall assist the authority in identifying bottlenecks in priority areas as per the project timelines and facilitate the authority to ensure that the bottlenecks are cleared.
- PMU shall be responsible for finalizing the execution timelines in consultation with executing agencies at the start of the project and

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would meticulously monitor the progress vis-à-vis agreed milestones on a continuous basis.

- PMU can be formed by drawing professional manpower on contract basis by the authority or by deputation of Government servants who have relevant experience.

(IV). Finance Unit:

Authority shall adhere to the financial norms and regulations mandated by the State Government. Handling such a project needs a dedicated finance unit well versed with financial rules, codes and procedures. The authority shall have a fully functional finance unit under its superintendence and control. Authority shall resort to computerized accounting and each and every payment order shall be generated through the system. This shall necessarily facilitate transparency, accountability and ease of audit of the authority by the State Government.

- The authority shall be given necessary budgetary support and financial flexibility to handle its finances.
- The authority shall have powers to frame its own financial rules/procedures, consistent with the state financial rules, to have more flexibility and effectiveness in project execution.
- Have the power to procure works and consultancy services, monitoring and supervision of works within the limits to be prescribed by the Government.
- The authority shall have full powers to enter into contracts and execute works on contract duly following the tender and contractual norms in force.

7. The Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation), I & CAD Department, Hyderabad / Director, Rehabilitation & Resettlement and Land Acquisition, shall take further necessary action, accordingly, and also send the separate proposals for creation of new posts including technical, financial, Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation & Resettlement for establishing the separate Units.

8. This orders issue with the concurrence of the Finance (WP) Department, vide their U.O.No.564/166/WP/A1/2015, Dated: 29.07.2015.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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The P.S. to Prl Secy, I&CAD.

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